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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 4/26/01.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-68 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) 47-68 is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1,3-5,9,14,15,24,26,32,37 and 38 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) 2,6-8,10-13,16-23, 25,27-31,33-36,39-46 is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on 26 April 2001 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1, 3-5 , 9, 24, 26, 32, and 37-38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by US patent No. 6,801,542(Subbiah).

Regarding claims 1 and 24 , Subbiah disclose a Method and apparatus for providing an interworking unit between ATM and IP networks, having an application layer (i.e.inherent since is needed for exchange of messages, col 6 lines 18-22) and a transport 2 layer (AAL2, 450 in Fig. 4), the system comprising: a first node which utilizes a first transport technology (First ATM node 420 in Fig. 4) a second node which utilizes a second transport technology (Second IP node 430 in Fig. 4) wherein the first transport technology (ATM technology) and the second transport technology (IP technology) are interworked for facilitating establishment of a transport bearer between the first node (Node 420 in Fig. 4) and the second node (node 430 in Fig.4) without interworking with application control signaling in the application layer

(Interworking takes place via Interworking gateway 410 in Fig. 4 without application signaling, col 5 lines 30-38) .

Regarding claims 3 and 26, further comprising a transport layer interworking gateway connected between the first and the second node (Gateway 410 is connected between the first and second node)

Regarding claim 4, wherein the interworking gateway receives an establish request message by the first transport technology and converts an address of the second node borne by the establish request message to an address usable by the second transport technology to send a signaling message to the second node
(Gateway unit 500 is responsible for converting AAL2 signaling messages 530 to H.323 or SIP signaling messages 532 to be sent to the second node, col 6 lines 18-22)

Regarding claim 5, wherein the first technology is ATM and the second technology is IP (col 4 lines 31-32)

Regarding claim 9 and 32, wherein the first node uses an address of the second node to determine an address for the interworking gateway, and wherein the first node sends a bearer signaling message to the interworking gateway.(AAL2 signaling message 530 sent from the ATM node to the Gateway, col 5 line 46).

Regarding claims 15 and 38, where an interworking function interworks the first technology and the second technology at a node distinct from the first node and the second node. (IWF at the Interworking Gateway 410 , different node from the first and second)

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 14 and 37 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US patent No. 6,801,542(Subbiah).

Subbiah does not disclose , where an interworking function interworks the first technology and the second technology at one of the first node and the second node , as in claim 14 and 37.

However it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art as a matter of design choice, to modify the Subbiah reference by changing the location of the IWF function to either node in the system or even locate the IWF function within one of the nodes since applicant has not disclosed that the location of the IWF function would affect the performance of the system and it appears that the IWF function would perform equally well in either location.

The motivation to do so is to obtain a system where maintenance is simplified and space is saved.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 47-68 are allowed.

Claims 2,5-8 10-13, 16-23, 25, 27-31, 33-36, 39-46 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim.

Examiner's statement of reasons for Allowance

6. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

For claims 47 and 56, no prior art of record was found for a telecommunications system having an application layer being the radio access network layer and a transport layer, wherein a first node attempts to establish a transport bearer between the first node and a second node using application level signaling, but when unsuccessful invokes an interworking function in the transport layer for establishing the transport bearer

For claims 65 and 67, no prior art of record was found for a telecommunication system having a first node, a second node connected to the IP, wherein the second node obtains address parameters of a transport layer interworking gateway for inclusion in application layer signaling to the first node in order to enable the first node to use the transport layer interworking gateway for purposes of establishing a transport bearer between the first and second node.

Conclusion

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

- US patent No. 6,621,793 discloses an Application influenced Policy.
- US patent No. 6,879, 566 discloses Connection establishment in a wireless network.
- US patent No. 6,490,284 discloses the use of CIC in conjunction with AAAL type 2 signaling protocol.

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